

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended)            A solenoid driving device comprising:  
a solenoid for driving an electromagnetic valve;  
switch means for feeding an electric current from a first power source  
intermittently to said solenoid, and  
a current detector connected between said solenoid and said switch  
means and between said first power source and said solenoid for detecting the  
electric current to flow through said solenoid.

2. (canceled)

3. (previously amended) A solenoid driving device according to Claim 1,  
wherein said switch means and said current detector are disposed in a  
controller, the outside of which is connected with said solenoid through a  
terminal portion, and wherein said current detector detects the electric current  
to flow through said solenoid connected to the outside of said controller  
through the terminal portion.

4. (previously amended)      A solenoid driving device comprising:  
an electromagnetic valve including a solenoid;  
switch means for feeding an electric current from a first power source  
intermittently to said solenoid, and  
a current detector connected between said solenoid and said switch  
means for detecting the electric current to flow through said solenoid, wherein  
said switch means and said current detector are disposed in a controller, the at  
outside of which is connected with said solenoid through a terminal portion,  
and wherein said current detector detects the electric current to flow through  
said solenoid connected to the outside of said controller through the terminal  
portion and said current detector includes overcurrent detection.

5. (previously amended)      A solenoid driving device according to  
Claim 1, wherein said electromagnetic valve is an electromagnetic proportion  
control valve and said current detector includes overcurrent detection.

6. (previously presented)      A solenoid driving device according to  
Claim 1, wherein said current detector is driven by a second power source.

7. (previously presented)      A solenoid driving device according to Claim 6, wherein said second power source includes a direct current power source.

8. (currently amended)      A solenoid driving device ~~according to Claim 7,~~ comprising:

a solenoid for driving an electromagnetic valve;  
switch means for feeding an electric current from a first power source  
intermittently to said solenoid, and  
a current detector driven by a second power source connected between  
said solenoid and said switch means for detecting the electric current to flow  
through said solenoid, said second power source including a direct current  
power source, wherein said second power source includes including an  
electrical energy storage component disposed between said direct current  
power source and said current detector.

9. (currently amended)      A solenoid driving device ~~according to Claim 6,~~ comprising:

a solenoid for driving an electromagnetic valve;  
switch means for feeding an electric current from a first power source  
intermittently to said solenoid, and

a current detector driven by a second power source connected between said solenoid and said switch means for detecting the electric current to flow through said solenoid, ~~wherein~~ said current detector ~~includes~~ including a voltage/current converter.

10. (currently amended)      An electromagnetic valve activation system, comprising:

a plurality N of solenoids; and

a controller including at least one current detector for detecting current to the plurality N of solenoids and the controller including a terminal portion through which the controller is electrically coupled to the plurality N of solenoids only with N+1 signal lines for driving the plurality N of solenoids.

11. (previously presented)      The system of Claim 10, wherein said controller having a first switch means and a second switch means, said first switch means for providing electricity from a first power source intermittently to a first solenoid of said plurality N of solenoids via said terminal portion, said second switch means for providing electricity from said first power source intermittently to a second solenoid of said plurality N of solenoids via said terminal portion, a first current detector disposed between said first solenoid of said plurality N of solenoids and said first switch means, and a second current

detector disposed between said second solenoid of said plurality N of solenoids and said second switch means.

12. (currently amended)      The system of Claim ~~[[10]]~~ 11, wherein said at least one current detector and said second current detector each include overcurrent detection.

13. (previously amended)      The system of Claim 11, wherein each of said first current detector and second current detector are driven by a second power source.

14. (previously amended)      The system of Claim 11, wherein said first and second current detectors each having a voltage/current converter.